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CONNECTICUT SWIMMING, INC

HOUSE OF DELEGATES
MINUTES
September 19, 2015

General Chairman Rick Lewis called the meeting to order at the Courtyard by Marriott in Shelton, CT at 9:15 am.

Present Board Members: Ed Doernberger, Randy Erlenbach, Susan Lecza, Mark Sedlak, Todd Gordon, David Heller, Rick Lewis, Kaeley Steinnagel, Henk Jansen, Jim Robison, Nancy Wargo, Heather Flaherty, Lindsey Gordon, Chuck Clark and Rick LaFrenierre.

Absent Board Members: Ellen Johnston, John Scaldini, Erin Ritz, Katie Cunningham, Rica Generosa, Brooke Hendee, Clayton Morikawa and Chris Hug.

Clubs Present: AJSC, BDEV, BEAR, BSY, CAC, CCAT, CCSU, CDOG, CPAC, FINS, GLAS, GRYM, GYWD, HHAC, IVY, LEHY, MJCC, MRDN, NMEG, OAK, PACK, PSDY, RAC, RYWC, S70, SHKS, SMST, SOCO, SYS, VALY, VSYM, WAC, WFYD, WHAT, WRAT, WYW and ZEUS.

Also Present: Joan Lynch, Ty Seymour and Ginger McCurdy.

Approval of the Agenda: A motion to accept the Agenda as written was unanimously approved.

Approval of the Minutes: A motion to accept the minutes of the May 19, 2015 House of Delegates Meeting was unanimously approved.

Welcome/Announcements/General Chair's Report: General Chair Rick Lewis welcomed all in attendance to the Fall 2015 House of Delegates Meeting. Mr. Lewis thanked Henk Jansen for making arrangements for the Coaches Seminar at the HOD meeting. In addition, Mr. Lewis reported that CT Swimming had a very successful Long Course season. He announced that CSI swimmers are swimming very fast and that the CSI Zone Team did very well.

Reports of Officers

Administrative Vice Chair – Todd Gordon

Mr. Gordon announced that CT Swimming signed a contract with Speedo. He announced that the contract will result in monetary funding and equipment and signage received from Speedo with a value of over \$30,000 provided to CSI.

Mr. Gordon reported that a business case discussion is being conducted regarding the construction of a Championship Meet pool facility in CT. The pool proposal would be a 50 meter pool with abundant spectator seating. He reported that a championship pool proposal document has been created.

Treasurer – Susan Lecza

The Treasurer reported that the fiscal year ended on August 31, 2015 and CSI had net income of \$52,000.00. There are some additional expenses that have not come in yet such as Senior travel expenses of about \$30,000 additional Zone expenses of about \$20,000. The treasurer anticipates that once all of the expenses come in CSI should break even for the year. The treasurer noted that the surcharge reduction that was enacted resulted in an income reduction of \$44,000. The treasurer reported that CSI remains in a strong financial position and that CSI will continue to create a break even budget going forward.

Finance Vice Chair – Ellen Johnston

No Report.

Age Group Committee – Mark Sedlak

Chair Sedlak announced that he just started his term as Age Group Chair and that the Committee is working on time standards and safety issues. In addition, he is working on scheduling Age Group Committee meetings.

Senior Committee – Randy Erlenbach

Chair Erlenbach announced that 14 CSI swimmers currently have currently achieved an Olympic trials cut. CT Swimming is hoping for at least 20 CSI Olympic trials qualifiers. In all, \$30,000 dollars in funding was awarded for 2014-2015. 19 swimmers received funding for Juniors and 3 swimmers received funding for Seniors.

Technical Planning Committee – Henk Jansen

The committee is currently seeking new committee members. Mike Brooks the York, PA YMCA Coach is speaking at the Coaches Seminar.

Program Development – Kaeley Steinnagel

Age Group cutoff times are being prepared for new 14 and under Championship format. Discussion to be conducted regarding topic of lifeguards working on deck for all CSI Championship meets. CSI Banquet invitations issued digitally only on CSI website. Invitations sent to Club Representatives only.

Safety Committee – Heather Flaherty

Deck changing discussion conducted. Education regarding deck changing issues need to be addressed by both parents and coaches. Deck changing issues at swim meets will be addressed by Meet Referee with Coaches. Concussion issues are also an important safety topic.

Officials – Nancy Wargo

The annual CSI Officials meeting will be conducted on September 26, 2015 in Milford, CT. Three (3) new Officials Committee members are joining the Committee for 2016. The Officials Chair is in the process of scheduling official's clinics throughout the state. A record number of CSI officials are working at National meets.

Program Operations – Jim Robison/Suzannah Rogers

Short course meet announcements are being loaded to the CSI website. People should contact Jim Robison regarding changes to sessions or meet start times.

Coach Representatives – John Scaldini/Erin Ritz

No Report.

Athlete Representative – Katie Cunningham/Rica Generosa/Brooke Hendee/Lindsey Gordon/Clayton Morikawa

Lindsay Gordon reported that the Athlete representatives are looking forward to a productive and successful year.

Registration/Membership – Rick LaFrenierre

2016 registration is open and ongoing. Athlete registrations in 2014 were 6,198 and in 2015 6,218. Two new teams have become members of CSI.

New Business

CSI Website

CSI website is being revised and updated. Everyone is encouraged and invited to visit and use the CSI website.

2016 Championship Meets

New CSI Championship format announced. Age Group Championships are now a 14 and under competition for 2016. The 2016 Senior Championships will be conducted on the first weekend of March 2016. Discussion conducted regarding Championship meet formats and cut off times.

2016 Long Course Season

Long Course planning occurring now for 2016 Long Course season. Any suggestions or requests should be forwarded to Nan Cooper or General Chair Rick Lewis by e-mail.

Next House of Delegates Meeting to be conducted on May 17, 2016.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Respectfully submitted,

David M. Heller
Secretary